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LIST OF JURORS.

TO BE ACTED UPON MARCH 19, 1906.

Charles Bennett,
Loren A. Buffum,
John B. Chapdelaine,
Jesse B. Sweet,
A. F. Jones,
James F. Kenyon,
Herbert N. Lougee,
Willie Manahan,
Willie McGrath,
Walter H. Parker,

Urban I. Peters,
Eugene R. Correll,
William H. Wellman,
Paul D. Manning,
Edward E. Young,
Edward T. Rawson,
Frank H. Bird,
Ferdinand J. Libby,
James B. Chase,
Hammond Metcalf.

W. S. SCHUSTER,	} <i>Selectmen</i>
E. N. JENCKES,	
W. L. CHURCH,	

of
Douglas

WARRANT FOR TOWN MEETING.

WORCESTER SS.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Douglas, in the County of Worcester.

GREETING :

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are directed to notify the inhabitants of the Town of Douglas, qualified to vote in elections and in town affairs, to meet in the Town Hall, in East Douglas in said Douglas, on Monday the nineteenth day of March current, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, then and there to act on the following articles:

ARTICLE 1. To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting.

ART. 2. To elect a Moderator, a Town Clerk, a Town Treasurer, one Selectman for three years, one Assessor for three years, one Assessor for one year, a Town Agent, six Constables, a Tax Collector, and Agent, and three Appraisers on Devise of Moses Wallis, three Fence and three Bridge Viewers, each for one year, one Overseer of the Poor for three years, three members of the School Committee for three years, one trustee of the Public Library for three years, ten Highway Surveyors for each district, one Tree Warden for one year, one town Cemetery Commissioner for

three years, one Auditor for one year, and vote yes or no on the question, shall license be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquor in the town the ensuing year?

ART. 3. To choose all other necessary Town Officers for the year ensuing.

ART. 4. To hear the reports of the Town Officers and act thereon.

ART. 5. To raise by tax and appropriate such sums of money as may be necessary for support of poor, for schools, for debts and interest, for salary of Superintendent of schools, for maintaining street lights, and other contingent expenses of the town for the ensuing year.

ART. 6. To raise such sums of money as may be necessary for making and repairing highways and townways for the ensuing year and order the same assessed upon polls and estates of residents and non-residents as other town charges are assessed.

ART. 7. To determine the time when poll and other taxes shall be collected, or act in any manner in relation thereto.

ART. 8. To see what disposition the town will make of the dog fund.

ART. 9. To see if the town will vote to pay the members of the fire company the sum of eight dollars each for their services the ensuing year.

ART. 10. To see if the town will authorize the assessors to abate such taxes as in their judgment ought to be abated.

ART. 11. To see if the town will accept the list of names proposed by the selectmen to serve as jurors the ensuing year, or amend the same by adding thereto or taking therefrom.

ART. 12. To see of what number the acting superintending school committee shall consist, and what their compensation shall be.

ART. 13. To see if the town will vote to use the license money if licenses are granted, on the highways under the supervision of the selectmen, or act or do anything in relation to the same.

ART. 14. To see if the town will vote to contract with the Douglas Electric Co., for street lighting the ensuing year, or act in any manner in relation thereto.

ART. 15. To see what sum the town will raise and appropriate for the relief of disabled soldiers and their families.

ART. 16. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of one hundred and fifty dollars for Samuel Sibley Post, G. A. R., one hundred dollars for charitable purposes, and fifty dollars for Memorial Day under the provisions of Chapter 25, Section 15, Laws of 1902.

ART. 17. To see what salary the town will pay its Tax Collector the ensuing year.

ART. 18. To see what price the town will pay for teams and labor on the highways the ensuing year.

ART. 19. To see if the town will vote to authorize the Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow money in anticipation of taxes of the current year and to be paid therefrom.

ART. 20. To see what sums of money the town will raise and appropriate for constructing and repairing sidewalks, and under whose supervision it shall be expended.

ART. 21. To see if the town will vote to pay twenty-five dollars for repair of town clock, so called, to be paid from the contingent fund.

ART. 22. To see what sum of money the town will raise and appropriate for the Simon Fairfield Public Library.

ART. 23. To see what action the town will take in regard to the several mortgages held under Devises of Moses Wallis by inhabitants of Douglas.

ART. 24. To see if the town will concur with the Board of Harbor and Land Commissioners in the proposed change in the boundary line between the towns of Douglas and Sutton as recommended by said Board, or to take any action thereon.

ART. 25. To see if the town will vote to amend Article 1, Section 1 of the by-laws of the Town of Douglas, by striking out

the words "and one on the school-house in South Douglas," the last line thereof, and by striking out the word "three" in the third line thereof and substitute therefor the word "two."

ART. 26. To see if the town will vote to rescind its vote whereby the Bylaws of the Town of Douglas are required to be published in the Town Report every year.

ART. 27. To see if the town will require its Board of Selectmen to employ an expert auditor to audit the town accounts at the end of each fiscal year hereafter.

ART. 28. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of three hundred dollars to grade the yard of the new school house.

ART. 29. To see if the town will instruct its School Committee to provide suitable accommodations for the first grade school outside the new school building, and raise and appropriate a sum sufficient therefor.

ART. 30. To see if the town will instruct its Collector of Taxes to sell the George Walling estate, now in its possession, for taxes, at public auction, and authorize him to give a quit claim deed thereof in the name of the said inhabitants of Douglas.

The polls may close at two o'clock.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting up attested copies thereof at the Post Office in East Douglas, at the Post Office in Douglas Center, and at the School House in South Douglas, ten days, at least before the time for holding said meeting.

HEREOF FAIL NOT, and make due return of this warrant, with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk, at the time and place of meeting aforesaid.

Given under our hands this fifth day of March, in the year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Six, (1906.)

W. S. SCHUSTER,	} <i>Selectmen</i>
E. N. JENCKES,	
W. L. CHURCH,	
	<i>of</i>
	<i>Douglas.</i>

REPORT OF SELECTMEN.

The Board of Selectmen respectfully submit herewith the annual reports of the various Town officers, to which reference may be had for a detailed account of expenditures. The Selectmen have drawn 172 orders on the Town Treasurer, amounting to \$20,713.21, for the following purposes :

HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES.

Appropriation	\$2500 00
Paid 10 Highway Surveyors	\$1853 32
One-half expense Manchaug street bridge	120 50
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	\$1973 82
Balance unexpended	\$526 18
Snow roads 1904	\$6 85
Re-surfacing macadam road, Depot street, constructed 1904	\$261 22

SIDEWALKS AND CURBING.

Arthur F. Jones,	\$50 35
R. Bruley,	37 02
Ambrose Newell, curbing	172 84
Cleaning snow from sidewalks	1 70
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	\$261 91

Railing highway, A. E. Chapman.....	\$4 06
Grading and curbing library lot, paid Trustees as per vote of town.....	300 00

SUPPORT OF PUBLIC LIBRARY.

Appropriation	\$350 00
Paid library orders, amounting to.....	\$81 16
J. A. Gilbert, repairs.....	9 34
W. L. Church, wood.....	3 00
W. R. Wallis, kindling	1 53
A. F. Jones, coal	129 69
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	\$224 72

Balance.....	\$125 28
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S. S. Post G. A. R., as per vote	\$150 00
Burial of indigent soldiers, F. Bowen for burial of Elisha Thompson and Charles Barton	70 00
Support of schools.....	7928 68

SUPPORT OF POOR.

Appropriation.....	\$1800 00
H. D. Mowry, overseer	1925 00
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Overdrawn	\$125 00

Cattle inspection, W. E. Cook.....	\$46 00
Inspection of meats and provisions, W. E. Cook.....	33 06

FIRE ENGINE COMPANY.

Appropriation	\$320 00
H. L. Albee, repairs.....	7 40
W. E. Balcome, widening doors.....	10 50
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	\$337 90

FIRE WARDENS AND ENGINEERS.

U. I. Peters.....	\$22 00
W. L. Church.....	20 28
B. L. Morse.....	20 10
W. R. Wallis	28 60
L. A. Buffum.....	6 80
W. S. Gilson	11 80
W. H. Parker.....	2 00
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	\$111 58

Printing, L. H. Balcome	\$127 35
Street lighting, Douglas Electric Co	1007 11

MACADAMIZING DEPOT STREET.

Expense State Highway Commission, advertising, type-writing, etc.....	\$21 75
W. E. Carpenter, weighing stone.....	33 25
Lane Con. Co., for work approved by engineers.....	3162 93
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	\$3217 93
Credit for use of stone crusher	176 46
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Total	\$3041 47

Town Clerk, E. N. Jenckes.....	\$67 50
Election expenses	48 50

Registrars—

Charles Mercier.....	\$15 00
Frank Correll.....	15 00
Francisco Bowen.....	15 00
Edw. N. Jenckes	20 00
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SALARIES OF TOWN OFFICERS.

Selectmen—W. S. Schuster, E. N. Jenckes and W. L. Church.. . . .	\$100 00
Auditor—F. H. Bird, 2 years	10 00
School Committee	50 00
Treasurer—Walter E. Schuster.....	75 00
Tax Collector—E. P. Heath, 1904	150 00

Overseers of Poor—

Henry D. Mowry	\$100 00
Edw. T. Rawson	25 00
Wm. P. Wight	
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	\$125 00

Assessors—

George Abbott, 1904	\$87 50
“ “ 1905	39 25
Wm. H. Wellman	85 75
Jesse B. Sweet.....	87 75
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	\$300 25

STATE AID, CHAPTER 301.

Joseph T. Arnold,.....	\$54 00	
Mrs. Sybil Andrews	18 00	
Wellington Balcome.....	72 00	
Chas. H. Barton	24 00	
Mrs. Wm. Cook.....	48 00	
Wellington H. Dore	48 00	
Mrs. Wm. H. Marshall.....	48 00	
Chas. E. Greene	48 00	
Chandler Titus.....	48 00	
Chas. Whipple.....	48 00	
James Wilson	72 00	
Mrs. Elmira Staples	48 00	
Mrs. Anna Knapp.....	48 00	
Joseph Quinn	48 00	
Dorris B. Young.....	48 00	
Mrs. Leander Thompson	48 00	
Mrs. Laura Balcome.....	24 00	
Horace Belding.....	48 00	
Christopher Gazette	48 00	
John P. Otis	36 00	
Thomas H. Snow	12 00	
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SOLDIERS' AND WIDOWS' RELIEF.

Expended, Mrs. Gould, Mrs. Knapp, Mrs. Elisha Thompson, Mrs. T. H. Barton.	\$161 00
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MISCELLANEOUS.

A. E. Jones, repairs on town clock	\$25 00
Chas. Labree, posting town warrants	7 00
J. B. Howard, posting warrants.....	6 00
Liquor license blanks.....	2 10
Frank Smith, repair tomb, Douglas cemetery	6 00
Clara A. Walling, share of proceeds of Wall- ing estate, sold for taxes	43 51
Wm. Manahan, posting warrants, special town meeting	3 00
F. H. Bird, insurance on town farm buildings	48 89
Good Roads Machine Co., repairs for crusher	8 60
E. P. Heath, expense in Thompson and Caswell cases	20 80

Stationery and rubber stamps	\$ 4 28
Heath, Labree, Vallier and Howard, watch- ing July 3rd and 4th	10 00
Wm. Manahan, posting warrants, special meeting	2 00
Chas. Labree, executing dog warrant	10 00
Alice L. Bishop, share of Walling estate . . .	14 51
W. L. Church, perambulating Webster line .	2 50
W. E. Balcome, shingling town hall	42 37
W. E. Cook, quarantining dogs	2 00
F. J. Libby, legal services, Prov. & Wor. franchises and expenses	18 00
Wm. Manahan, posting warrants, state elec- tion	2 50
S. W. Tucker, service Kelly citation	3 10
J. B. Sweet, Tree Warden, trimming trees .	2 15
Moore & Smith, survey of Cummings court .	12 00
W. F. Hall, auditing town accounts	242 18
F. J. Libby, assisting auditors	16 50
J. T. Derham, board of auditor	10 00
W. R. Wallis, lumber for repairs on Town farm	32 14
F. J. Libby, services and expenses two trips to Worcester, and hearings for petition for construction of Cummings court . . .	10 00
Perambulating Town lines and trip to Mill- bury, change of Town line	13 50
W. E. Schuster, Treasurer, bills paid by Walter E. Jones, covering period from March 1st to March 21st, 1905	157 82
F. Bowen, returning 60 deaths	15 00
Expense burial of horse	1 50
Board of Health	10 00
Palmer Converse, building driveway and re- pair of scraper	3 28

\$809 23

RECAPITULATION.

Schools	\$7928 68
Highways and bridges	1973 82
Snow roads	6 85
Re-surfacing lower Depot street	261 22
Sidewalks and curbing	261 91

Railing highway	\$ 4 06
Public Library, including grading and curb- ing	524 72
S. S. Post, G. A. R.	150 00
Burial indigent soldiers	70 00
Support of poor	1925 00
Cattle and meat inspection	79 06
Fire Engine Co.	337 90
Fire wardens and engineers	111 58
Printing	127 35
Street lighting	1007 11
Macadamizing Depot street	3041 47
Town clerk	67 50
Election expenses	48 50
Registrars	65 00
Assessors	300 25
Other town officers	515 00
State Aid and Soldiers' and Widows' Relief	1097 00
Miscellaneous	809 23
	————— \$20,713 21

We have examined the books and accounts of the Town Treasurer and counted the money belonging to the Town, and money in his hands belonging to the town, and find the same to be correct.

Douglas, March 3rd, 1906.

W. S. SCHUSTER,
E. N. JENCKES,
W. L. CHURCH,

Selectmen of Douglas.

I have examined the foregoing accounts of the Selectmen and find the same correct.

F. H. BIRD, *Auditor.*

Treasurer's Report.

WALTER E. SCHUSTER, Treasurer.

1905		CR.
April 3	Selectmen's orders 1 to 17.....	\$993 62
	Chas. Labree, Constable	6 31
	A. B. Simmons, library order No. 198	5 00
4	G. H. Stoddard, library order No. 199....	32 05
	Express charges on money.....	40
	Alice Luther, library order No. 200.....	18 36
	" " " " No. 201	18 69
	A. B. Simmons, " " No. 202	5 00
May 1	Selectmen's orders, No. 18 to 29.....	1691 33
June 5	E. P. Heath, order of abatements	19 97
	Selectmen's orders, No. 30 to 48	2541 79
	A. B. Chapin, State Treasurer, $\frac{1}{4}$ th liquor license fees	1000 00
8	Express on tax book, etc	25
17	Laura Wallis, Int. on note to April 20, 1905	48 00
23	Marie C. Nichols, library order No. 207 ...	18 89
18	A. B. Simmons, library order No. 208	5 00
July 3	E. P. Heath, Deputy Sheriff	61 47
	Hamilton Boyd "	7 53
	H. D. Mowry, Overseer of Poor, money re- turned by state	19 50
	Selectmen's orders No. 49 to 62.....	1634 94
Aug. 7	Selectmen's orders No. 63 to 77.....	920 70
12	Willie R. Wallis, agent, Moses Wallis Devise, on note of Apr. 12, 1904.....	\$1000 00
	Interest	16 25
	Note June 6, 1905.....	2000 00
	Interest	13 75
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		\$3030 00

Aug. 16	H. D. Mowry, Overseer of Poor, state check	\$ 54 00
Sept. 5	Selectmen's orders No. 78 to 82	273 46
Oct. 2	Jed Howard, library order No. 213	8 45
	Vera Warner, " " No. 214	19 76
	Jed Howard, " " No. 215	5 00
	Vera Warner, " " No. 216	18 54
	One-half Co. Tax Edward Brown, Treas.	629 50
	Selectmen's orders No. 83 to 95	1115 05
	E. N. Jenckes, agt. int. on note pd. Sept. 13	110 00
	E. P. Heath, collector taxes 1904, abatement	79 00
6	Wm. Manahan, constable, court money	11 26
	E. P. Heath, sheriff, " " "	26 10
	J. B. Howard, " " " "	5 18
Nov. 1	Miscellaneous, National Shawmut Bank, charges collecting 2 checks	20
	J. B. Howard, library order No. 1	5 00
	Vera Warner, " " No. 2	19 33
	Geo. Stoddard, " " No. 217	5 55
6	Selectmen's orders No. 96 to 112	1705 28
	Paid note Edwin Moore estate, to March 26, 1905	120 00
	Selectmen's orders No. 113 to 131	4455 40
	Vera H. Warner, library order No. 4	18 61
	J. B. Howard, " " No. 5	5 00
	M. A. Lofstedt " " No. 6	50 00
11	State Treasurer, state tax	1440 00
	" " repairs on highway	49 01
4	Edward A. Brown, balance county tax	629 50
15	School house note No. 8, International Trust Co.	1000 00
	Interest on No. 8 school house note	320 00
11	Henry D. Mowry, money, overseer of poor.	13 00
1906		
Jan. 1	E. P. Heath, town tax	32 80
	E. P. Heath, discount taxes 1905	290 20
	E. P. Heath, sheriff, court money	43 88
	J. B. Howard, constable, court money	11 37
	Wm. Manahan, " " "	3 80
	Charles Labree, " " "	6 20
	Vera Warner, library order No. 7	18 89
	J. B. Howard, " " No. 8	5 00
	George H. Stoddard, library order No. 9	5 55
2	Selectmen's orders No. 132 to 142	1079 51
3	M. A. Lofstedt, wiring, library order No. 10	50 00
17	Vera Warner, librarian, order No. 11	18 94

Jan. 23	J. B. Howard, library order No. 12.....	\$ 5 00
Feb. 5	Selectmen's orders No. 143 to 149.....	1569 53
	" " No. 150 to 155.....	139 73
19	E. P. Heath, collector, abatements	18 64
24	Vera Warner, library order No. 13	18 23
28	Selectmen's orders No. 156 to 168.....	2010 15
	C. J. Batcheller, library order No. 16.....	86 66
	Selectmen's orders No. 169 to 171, being money paid out for bills by Walter E. Jones, Treasurer, from March 1, 1905 to March 24 1905.....	582 37
Mar. 1	By cash to balance account.	2237 15
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		\$32,503 58

In trust. Henry Whiting fund, People's
Savings Bank, Worcester, for care of cem-
etry lot..... \$100 00

1905

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Mar. 24	To cash on hand..... {	This amount	} \$1579 15
	Cash received from State {	received from	
	School fund	W. E. Jones, Treas.	247 92
April 1	A. A. Putnam, Justice		20 17
May 1	Jos. T. Derham, 1st and 4th class license .		2000 00
	Jos. Labelle & Co., 1st and 4th class license		2000 00
	Amos Goodness, 4 pool tables.....		20 00
2	John Labelle, 2 pool tables		10 00
	" " 2 bowling alleys.....		10 00
	Napoleon Bonville, 1 pool table		5 00
June 3	E. P. Heath, auctioneer's license		2 00
5	E. P. Heath, collector of taxes 1904		294 97
6	W. R. Wallis, agent Moses Wallis devise, 3¾ %		2000 00
8	State Treasurer, account support state poor		20 70
	E. B. Knapp, auctioneer's license		2 00
	Kassim Heemany, pedler's license		8 00
12	Rev. Mr. Collins, rent town hall.....		2 00
July 3	A. A. Putnam, Justice.....		17 77
14	E. P. Heath, collector No. 1		600 00
19	" " " 2		1188 00
24	" " " 3		400 00
27	" " " 4		1155 00
29	" " " 5		1000 00

July 29,	E. P. Heath, collector No. 6	\$5260 00
Aug. 1	" " " 7	2275 00
2	" " " 8	1100 00
15	" " " 9	500 00
18	B. L. Seder, pedler's license	8 00
14	State Treasurer, support poor	54 00
	" " cattle inspection	21 13
28	Nieola Ascar, pedler's license	8 00
	Joseph E. Goff, " "	8 00
Sept. 4	E. P. Heath, collector No. 10	1100 00
11	Manchaug, Co., crushed stone	47 50
12	Foresters hall, rent to April 1, 1905	60 00
18	Frank Strogoff, pedler's license	8 00
25	E. P. Heath, collector No. 11	500 00
	Moving Pictures, rent town hall	5 00
26	Ameeneassa Forzley, pedler's license	8 00
Oct. 2	E. P. Heath, collector No. 12	53 21
	" " interest	14 76
	" " by abatements	79 00
	" " No. 13	450 00
	A. A. Putnam, Justice	69 36
16	E. P. Heath, collector No. 14	600 00
24	Methodist Church, rent town hall	1 50
30	E. P. Heath, collector No. 15	450 00
Nov. 8	" " 16	850 00
	Geo. H. Stoddard, druggist license	1 00
25	E. P. Heath, collector No. 17	200 00
Dec. 4	" " 18	550 00
11	State Treasurer, corporation tax	351 55
	National bank tax	186 38
	Military Aid	4 50
	State Aid	907 00
	Burial of Paupers	13 00
31	Fund returned by state for School Supt.	500 00
1906		
Jan. 1	E. P. Heath, collector No. 19	\$1175 00
	A. A. Putnam, Justice	67 58
	Edward A. Brown, Treasurer, dog fund	320 85
10	Anna F. Bird, rent town hall 2 days	5 00
16	Foresters, rent town hall 4 days	10 00
22	E. P. Heath, collector No. 20	226 00
26	Check from State Treas. for school fund	681 74
Feb. 12	Salisbury Co., rent town hall	5 00
19	E. P. Heath, collector No. 21	238 64
	Walter E. Carpenter, to balance road acct.	56

Feb. 24	Charles Mercier, rent town hall.....	\$ 2 00
28	Received of E. P. Heath, Trustee, by order of Selectmen to cover shortage of orders of W. E. Jones to balance account from March 1, 1905, to March 22, 1905....	28 40
	I have allowed Walter E. Jones.....	582 37
	This with the \$28.40 makes a total of \$610.77 which is the difference in amounts as shown by him in his town reports end- ing March 1, 1905, where he gives as cash on hand \$2189.92, but when giving his books to me March 24, he gave me cash \$1579.15. This was the amount of cash he had on hand, but since then has received his orders from selectmen.	
	E. P. Heath, collector No. 22	100 00
	State Treas. by corporation tax... \$147 31	
	Temporary Aid..... 5 20	
		<hr/> \$152 51
	School Committee, sale of old stove.....	2 00
	Interest received on deposits.....	92 36
		<hr/> \$32,503 58
Mar. 1	By cash on hand..... 2237 15	
	“ received from E. P. Heath Trustee	3917 23
		<hr/> \$6154 38
	Total cash in hands of Town Treasurer March 1, 1906.....	\$6154 38

During the past year the Town Treasurer has paid \$1000.00 to the Moses Wallis Devise which was borrowed by W. E. Jones last year. The town has received interest on all money which has been on deposit in the National Shawmut Bank of Boston, amounting to \$92.36, while last year you lost \$94.64, the interest charges being against the town; you have made a gain of \$187.00. The Town Treasurer has spent no money for trips to Boston, while last year this amount was nearly \$100.00. The town borrowed \$2000.00 from the Moses Wallis Devise June 6, 1905, and this was paid August 12, interest being only \$13.75. In previous years your Treasurer has borrowed money from the Moses Wallis Devise which should have been paid as soon as he received the tax money. This was not done but allowed to run the whole year

instead, the town paying interest for all this time. Last year you paid the Moses Wallis Devise \$168.75 interest, against \$13.75 of this year. Lura Wallis has a note of \$800.00 against the town which was not shown by your Treasurer in last year's report. Upon examination of the books of W. E. Jones by an expert, the following shortage was discovered.

1894	By tax money shortage.....	\$ 20 00
1895	County tax for 1894, which was actually paid by your tax collector, but entered as paid by W. E. Jones, shortage	1032 00
1896	County tax for 1895 which was actually paid by your tax collector, but entered as paid by W. E. Jones, shortage.....	980 00
1896	By tax money shortage.....	101 95
1897	County tax for 1896 which was actually paid by your tax collector, but entered as paid by W. E. Jones, shortage.....	1225 00
1901	By tax money shortage.....	200 00
1902	" " "	128 01
1902	County tax for 1901 which was actually paid by your tax collector, but entered as paid by W. E. Jones, shortage.....	1161 00
1903	By tax money shortage.....	37 59
1903	Cash received from E. B. Knapp, but not entered on books by Treasurer, shortage	100 00
July 31	E. P. Heath, tax collector, paid W. E. Jones \$1800.00 cash; this was entered as \$800.00 shortage	1000 00
Aug. 10	Tax shortage	9 35
Sep. 29	" "	70 78
July 6	Charles Bennett charged with receiving \$200.00 cash; Mr. Bennett did not receive this money, shortage.....	200 00
	Tax shortage.....	11
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		\$6265 79

Mr. Jones is credited for the price of Walling land sold for taxes, no deeds have been passed, and the town of Douglas legally owns the property, therefore Mr. Jones should have credit for this amount \$267 00
 Other small items amount to 2 83

\$269 83

Mr. Jones' shortage to the town is \$5995 96

E. P. Heath who has been appointed Trustee, has made the following payments.

Feb. 5	By cash	1385	27
19	"	2031	96
24	"	500	00
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			\$3917 23

Deducting this amount leaves balance due the town \$2078 73

All notes of the town will be paid at once from the money received from E. P. Heath, Trustee, with the exception of School House Note.

ASSETS AND LIABILITIES.

ASSETS.

Cash on hand,	\$6154	38
Due from Foresters, for rent of hall, April 1, 1906	60	00
" " Manchaug Co. as per agreement, work on macadam road, Depot street...	300	00
Due from E. B. Knapp, collector 1896	20	31
" " " " " 1897	145	67
" " " " " 1899	229	90
" " " " " 1900	254	22
" " " " " 1901	95	07
" " E. P. Heath, " 1905	419	69
" " State, inspection of cattle	22	50
" " " acct. State Aid	936	00
" " Town of Uxbridge	10	00
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	\$8,647	74

LIABILITIES.

Note to Lura Wallis	\$800	00
" Edwin Moore estate	2000	00
" M. M. Luther estate	200	00
" E. N. Jenckes, agent	2000	00
Seven School House Notes	7000	00
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	\$12,000	00

Respectfully submitted,

WALTER E. SCHUSTER, *Treasurer.*

I have examined the account of the Treasurer and find the same correct.

F. H. BIRD, *Auditor.*

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

1905.

BIRTHS.

Whole number.....		41
Number of males	25	
Number of females	16	
	—	41
American parentage	9	
Foreign parentage.....	23	
Mixed parentage.....	9	
	—	41

MARRIAGES.

Whole number.....		19
American birth	19	
Foreign birth.....	19	
Residents of Douglas	32	
Residents elsewhere	6	
First marriage.....	37	
Second marriage.....	1	

DEATHS.

Whole number.....		66
Males	36	
Females	30	
American birth	52	
Foreign birth	14	

Number under 1 year	20
Between 1 and 5	7
“ 5 and 10	0
“ 10 and 20	2
“ 20 and 30	4
“ 30 and 40	8
“ 40 and 50	2
“ 50 and 60	2
“ 60 and 70	4
“ 70 and 80	7
“ 80 and 90	7
“ 90 and 100	3
	— 66

DOGS REGISTERED.

Whole number	175
Males, 165 at \$2.00	\$330 00
Females, 10 at 5.00	50 00
	————— \$380 00
Less fees (175 at 20c)	35 00
	————— \$345 00

E. N. JENCKES,

Town Clerk.

Report of the Treasurer

OF

Simon Fairfield Public Library

1905

DR.

Appropriation by the town	\$350 00
Dog fund for the year	280 12
Fines for the year and carbide sold	17 57
	\$647 69

1905

CR.

Mar. 18	By paid	A. B. Simmons, janitor	\$ 5 00
April. 4	"	G. H. Stoddard, newspapers and magazines	32 05
10	"	Alice E. Luther, librarian	19 17
19	"	A. B. Simmons, janitor	5 00
27	"	M. C. Nichols, librarian	20 00
May 18	"	A. B. Simmons, janitor	5 00
25	"	M. A. Nichols, janitor and mucilage	20 05
29	"	A. F. Jones, coal and wood	129 69
June 23	"	M. C. Nichols, librarian	20 00
	"	A. B. Simmons, janitor	5 00
21	"	G. H. Stoddard, newspapers	6 05
July 21	"	M. C. Nichols, librarian	20 00
20	"	J. B. Howard, janitor	5 00
Aug. 2	"	M. C. Nichols, librarian	9 17

Aug. 19	"	J. B. Howard, janitor, and cleaning library	\$ 8 45
29	"	Vera H. Warner, librarian	20 85
	"	Lawn mower and freight.	13 90
Sept. 22	"	J. B. Howard, janitor	5 00
27	"	Vera H. Warner, librarian, mucilage, etc.	20 13
Oct. 4	"	G. H. Stoddard, newspapers.	5 55
24	"	J. B. Howard, janitor.	5 00
	"	Vera H. Warner, librarian	20 00
	"	Carbide for lighting, freight and cartage	46 95
	"	W. L. Church, wood	3 00
Nov. 22	"	Vera H. Warner, librarian	20 00
25	"	J. B. Howard, janitor	5 00
Dec. 1	"	M. A. Lofstedt, wiring the library for electric lighting	100 00
	"	Furnace grate and freight.	3 50
19	"	Library Bureau, cards and paste	2 25
	"	Vera H. Warner, librarian	20 00
22	"	J. B. Howard, Janitor.	5 00
1906			
Jan. 1	"	G. H. Stoddard, newspapers.	5 55
17	"	Vera H. Warner, librarian and express	20 35
	"	Electric lighting for December	13 20
22	"	J. B. Howard, janitor	5 00
Feb. 13	"	Vera H. Warner, librarian, and shellac	20 10
15	"	Electric lighting for January.	9 60
26	"	J. B. Howard, janitor	5 00
	"	E. P. Heath, trustee for W. E. Jones, bill for 1892, and 1905.	4 75
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			\$689 31

1905

DR.

March	To special appropriation for grading and curbing library grounds.	\$300 00
	This amount was expended by a special committee of the trustees.	

On March 28, Miss Alice E. Luther, who had served so faithfully as librarian for many years, owing to ill health, was granted a vacation, and Miss M. C. Nichols was appointed substitute librarian. After the death of Miss Luther in November, Miss Vera H. Warner was elected as librarian.

By the will of James Smith, the library is to receive the sum of \$6,000.00, the income therefrom to be used for the purchase of books.

James M. Fairfield of Boston, has continued his liberality towards the library by the donation of \$5,000.00 in Massachusetts State bonds, the income of the same to be devoted to the care and maintenance of the library building and grounds.

After a careful consideration of the subject, the trustees unanimously decided to change the system of lighting the building, adopting electricity in the place of gas, and discontinued the acetylene gas plant. This was accomplished, to the satisfaction of all, in December.

CHAS. J. BATCHELLER, *Treasurer.*

ANNUAL REPORT OF OVERSEERS OF POOR FOR THE YEAR ENDING MAR. 1, 1906.

HENRY F. WHEELOCK, Supt. of Almshouse.

Personal property at almshouse, as per inventory

March 1, 1905.....	\$2,051 84
March 1, 1906.....	2,140 06
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Increase.....	\$88 22

We have made the Superintendent debtor to what he has received for labor, produce, etc., and credited him with what he has paid out, as follows:

1905		Dr.			
Mar. 1	Cash on hand	\$38	16	Mar. 17	James Wilson,
4	James Wilson,				board
	board	2	00	21	9 lbs. butter
7	18 lbs. butter	5	76	22	Eggs and milk
	3 dozen eggs		90	25	Labor with team
9	Old ox cart	12	00	28	Eggs
10	10 lbs. butter	3	20	31	16 dozen eggs
	Vegetables	2	50		13 lbs. butter

April 3	James Wilson, board	\$1 00	Jun. 13	James Wilson, board	\$33 00
4	10 lbs. butter	3 20		4½ doz. eggs	1 13
7	12 lbs. butter	3 84		9 lbs. butter	2 46
10	8 lbs. butter	2 56	14	½ bu. potatoes	25
	6½ doz. eggs	1 55	16	Corn	05
18	Butter	4 98	17	Butter	28
	Milk	10		Eggs	25
19	Eggs	1 10	18	Butter and cream	65
	Labor with team	4 00		Potatoes	75
20	Milk	10		Old stove	1 50
24	10 lbs. butter	3 20	20	6 lbs. butter	1 50
	Veal calf	6 00	21	4½ doz. eggs	1 13
28	5 lbs. butter	1 60	22	Butter	84
	10 doz. eggs	2 40	23	1 doz. eggs	25
May 1	Labor with team	1 05	24	Butter	28
2	Labor with team	4 00	27	3 lbs. butter	75
	Eggs	50		Potatoes	25
	Jas. Wilson, board,	2 00	30	Butter	28
	5 lbs. butter,	1 60		Potatoes	25
3	Labor with team	4 00	July 1	Butter	28
4	Labor with team	1 50	2	2½ lbs. salt pork	30
5	Labor with team	5 00	3	Potatoes	50
8	Labor with team	3 25	4	Cream	30
	Corn	20		Potatoes	10
10	Butter	4 16	5	James Wilson, board	2 00
12	Cow	20 00		8 lbs. butter	2 03
14	Vinegar	05	6	Butter	42
16	8 doz. eggs	1 60		Mdse. returned	20
	6 lbs. butter	1 92		Cash	1 25
23	10 lbs. butter	3 00	9	Potatoes	15
27	21 lbs. butter	6 30		Cash	1 25
	Milk	25	10	16 doz. eggs	4 00
30	12 lbs. butter	3 60	12	Butter	2 06
	13 doz. eggs	2 86	13	Dinner	25
June 4	9 lbs. butter	2 70	14	1 bu. potatoes	50
	5 bush. potatoes	2 50		Labor, haying	10 00
5	James Wilson, board	2 00	15	Butter	42
9	10 lbs. butter	2 50	17	Labor with team	1 60
	13 doz. eggs	2 86	18	9½ doz. eggs	2 38
	Milk	10		3 lbs. butter	84
10	5 lbs. butter	1 25	19	Vegetables	20
	Merchandise to E. N. Jenckes	82	20	1 calf	6 00
				Butter	56

July 20	Cream and milk	82	Sept. 2	Corn	36
21	2½ doz. eggs	63		Butter	54
22	Butter	95		Labor with team	3 50
23	Cream	30	4	Butter	84
24	Potatoes	15		Milk and eggs	70
	Butter	84	6	Butter	1 68
28	Milk	20	8	Vegetables	1 50
	Eggs	42		Milk and butter	54
	Potatoes	25	12	Butter	2 24
	Butter and eggs	78		Eggs	90
29	Butter	1 75	13	Milk and butter	24
	Cash	10 00		James Wilson,	
	Eggs and cream	44		board	37 00
31	Milk	15	15	Calf	7 00
Aug. 1	Butter	3 83	16	Eggs	1 14
3	Eggs	28	18	Butter	2 80
3	Cream and eggs	29	21	3 lbs. butter	84
4	Potatoes	50		Eggs	30
6	Butter	3 02	22	Butter	1 96
8	James Wilson,		26	Butter	2 80
	board	2 00	27	Transient	1 00
	4 doz. eggs	1 20	29	Butter	3 92
11	Butter	1 34	Oct. 3	Butter	4 20
12	Vegetables	25		Eggs	25
13	Butter and eggs	81		James Wilson,	
15	Butter	1 12		board	2 00
17	Eggs	1 20	6	Butter	1 68
18	1½ bu. beets	1 50	10	Butter	2 24
	Butter	1 55		6½ doz. eggs	2 28
	Eggs	15	11	Butter	2 24
	Vegetables	10	12	Vegetables	1 20
21	Eggs	30	13	14 lbs. butter	3 92
22	Butter	1 40	14	3 bush. turnips	1 70
24	Cream	20	17	16 lbs. butter	4 48
25	Butter and eggs	1 42		Eggs	1 05
26	Vegetables	10	20	8 lbs. butter	2 24
29	Butter	1 68	24	Butter	3 64
30	Vegetables	22	27	Butter	4 20
	Beets	1 00	31	Vegetables	3 17
	Butter	42		Butter	3 08
31	Calf	8 30	Nov. 3	Butter	1 62
Sept. 1	Butter	42		3½ doz. eggs	1 40
	Milk	10	7	Butter	2 40
	Eggs	45		Eggs	40
	Potatoes	25	9	486 lbs. pork	38 88

Nov. 10	Butter	4 76	Feb. 25	Labor with team	1 50
11	Eggs and vegetables	1 00		Butter	1 20
14	Butter	3 00		1 fowl	75
18	Hauling stone	47 74		Eggs	22
21	Butter	5 10	27	Butter	60
24	Butter	3 00		Road machine	12 00
27	Labor with team	3 00		John Condon,	
28	Butter	5 25		1 cow	22 00
30	Labor with team	2 00		Milk	28
	Eggs	40		James Wilson,	
Dec. 4	Butter	5 10		board due	36 00
6	Labor with team	3 00			
9	Vegetables and eggs	1 00			<hr/>
	James Wilson,				\$813 24
	board	40 00	1905		CR.
13	Butter	1 50	Mar. 1	1 grindstone	\$2 00
16	Vegetables	1 80	9	Telephone	30
22	Butter	4 50	10	Hardware	1 08
	Eggs	1 80		Repairs, harness	75
26	Butter	60		1 washing machine	7 30
27	Vegetables	25	17	Medicine for	
29	270 lbs. pork	20 25		Mr. Jenney	1 00
1906		DR.		Dr. P. F. Ela	4 50
Jan. 2	Butter	4 80	21	Medicine	1 50
	Eggs	3 15	22	Telephone	25
	Butter	1 88		Carbolic acid	45
9	Butter and cream	1 35		George Palmer,	
12	Eggs	2 40		labor	75
	Butter	6 30	28	Salve	50
	Butter	35	29	Medicine for	
16	Butter	2 40		Mr. Jenney	50
22	Butter	4 50		4 pigs	14 00
27	Cream	15		Roy Titus, labor	1 50
30	Butter	4 80	30	Mrs. M. Brown,	
Feb. 2	Eggs	2 75		labor	1 00
6	Butter	3 00	31	E. N. Jenckes,	
13	Butter	6 30		on account	17 86
20	Butter	1 20		S. F. Root &	
	Eggs	3 50		Co., on acct.	10 16
	Cash, Jas. Wilson, board	4 00	April 1	Medicine for	
25	Truss	1 25		Mr. Jenney	1 00
				Dr. P. F. Ela,	
				medical attendance	1 00

Apr. 1	Dr. P. F. Ela, med. attend.	2 50	May 7	Medicine	3 35
3	M. Browne, labor	1 50	11	Fish and clams	79
	Medicine for Mr. Jenney	50	12	Medicine for Mr. Jenney	1 25
5	George Palmer, labor	5 00		Mending shoes	35
	Tile paper	3 75		Mrs. Lovolette, labor	1 05
	Expense to Worcester	1 60	13	George Millet, labor	12 00
	Mrs. M. Brown, labor,	1 00		Roy Titus, labor	50
	Medicine for Mr. Jenney	3 60	17	Medicine for Mr. Jenney	35
8	Wm. Humphrey, labor	3 00	20	George Palmer, labor	50
10	Disinfectant	15	22	Bread	50
13	Wm. Humphrey, labor	1 50	24	Freight on bath tub	53
	Medicine	60	27	Bread	50
15	George Palmer, labor	5 00		Medicine for Mr. Jenney	40
17	Soap	50	31	James Wixtead, on account	8 66
18	Medicine	1 35		E. N. Jenckes, on account	13 21
20	Soap	5 00	June 1	Wm. Peak, labor	4 50
	Soap powder	70		Rhubarb	20
	1 bottle lemon	25		Repairs on clock	2 75
	Medicine	60	7	Knives	20
	Medicine	1 55	9	Bread	25
24	Postage	12	13	Eggs for setting	3 00
	Plants	25		Medicine	25
26	Fish and clams	67	14	George Palmer, labor	50
27	Freight	57		Medicine for Mr. Jenney	50
29	E. N. Jenckes, on account	9 44		Oscar Bates, veterinary	1 50
	Root & Co., on account	11 73		Fruit	75
	T. J. Murphy, on account	6 00	17	George Palmer, labor	9 50
	Geo. Millet, labor	6 00		Mrs. Lovolette, labor	60
	Medicine	70		George Millet, labor	18 00
May 2	Freight on phos- phate	2 20	21	Mrs. Briggs	6 00
	Pork	1 65			
5	Repairs, chairs	1 00			

June 21	Meat	35	Sept. 8	Medicine for	
24	Frank Amadon	50		Mr. Jenney	25
28	Fruit	25		Frank Amadon	50
29	Ginger	10		1 bushel pears	1 50
	Dipper	25	11	W. Gibson,	
	Liniment	25		labor	22 50
30	James Wixtead,		16	Grass	7 00
	on account	8 24		Chloride of lime	50
July 1	Geo. Millet, labor	4 00	30	Medicine for	
14	Ralph Putnam,			Ellen Leach	50
	labor,	85		E. T. Rawson,	
15	George Millet	6 25		labor	4 25
	Repairs on har-			James Wixtead,	
	nass	20		on account	8 46
	Medicine for			E. N. Jenckes,	
	Ellen Leach	25		on account	17 88
17	Frank Amadon	50	Oct. 2	John Condon,	
	George Palmer,			on account	17 30
	labor	75	3	T. J. Murphy,	
19	T. J. Murphy,			on account	12 60
	on account	7 10		Supplies	1 95
23	Repairs on har-		5	F. F. Young,	
	nass	25		on account,	8 44
	Repairs on har-		6	Stove	9 50
	row	1 50		E. N. Jenckes,	
31	George Millet,			on account	6 20
	labor	19 15	10	James Wixtead,	
Aug. 1	H. S. Farnum &			on account	6 16
	Son, supplies	2 95	11	Supplies.	30
	Medicine for		12	Repairs to har-	
	Ellen Leach	75		nass	1 00
	James Wixtead,			E. T. Rawson,	
	on account	10 88		on account	1 15
2	Medicine for		13	E. N. Jenckes,	
	Mr. Jenney	85		on account	4 42
12	Hinges	40	14	T. J. Murphy,	
19	Shoes for Ellen			on account	1 20
	Leach	1 50		Medicine	25
	Shirts for Mr.		17	James Wixtead,	
	Jenney	1 30		on account	2 24
	Stove polish	25		E. N. Jenckes,	
	Window fixtures	50		on account	5 53
22	Medicine for		20	Groceries	1 00
	Ellen Leach	25	24	James Wixtead,	
Sept. 2	Water pail	25		on account	6 21

Oct. 27	E. N. Jenckes, on account	7 88	Dec. 28	Repairing shoes	35
31	Freight on stove	85	29	T. J. Murphy, on account	20 25
	Postage	20		2 pigs	7 00
	Soap	1 00	1906		
Nov. 3	E. N. Jenckes, on account	3 02	Jan. 2	E. N. Jenckes, on account	7 95
	Lantern holder	25	6	Mrs. Brown	1 25
7	James Wixtead, on account	2 40	12	E. N. Jenckes, on account	8 70
9	John Condon, on account	38 88		F. F. Young	4 25
	Major Benson, labor	1 50		A. J. Dudley	2 00
	Stove polish	15	16	E. N. Jenckes, on account	1 50
10	E. N. Jenckes, on account	4 76		James Wixtead,	1 80
14	James Wixtead, on account	3 00	20	Mrs. Brown	1 25
18	C. F. Rawson, labor	24 00		A. J. Dudley	1 00
	Dr. P. F. Ela	4 50	22	James Wixtead, on account	1 50
21	James Wixtead, on account	10 35	23	E. N. Jenckes, on account	3 00
24	E. N. Jenckes, on account	3 00	27	Mrs. Brown	1 00
	Repairs on stove	1 76		H. S. Farnum & Son	1 75
	Mrs. Brown, labor	2 00	30	E. N. Jenckes, on account	3 90
Dec. 4	A. J. Dudley	2 00		George Palmer	1 00
	James Wixtead, on account	3 30		A. J. Dudley	1 00
5	E. N. Jenckes, on account	4 50	Feb. 2	E. N. Jenckes, on account	5 15
7	Mrs. Brown, labor	1 00		Jas. W. Wixtead, on account	2 40
16	E. T. Rawson, labor	3 95	13	E. N. Jenckes, on account	5 70
22	E. N. Jenckes, on account	6 30	15	T. J. Murphy, on account	4 05
	Mrs. Brown, labor	2 10	20	Supplies	45
28	Major Benson, labor	1 50		George Palmer, labor	2 85
	Mrs. Brown, labor	75		Rat poison	50
			26	Charles Hilton, labor	1 65
				George Palmer, labor	1 00
				Mrs. Hilton, labor	1 35

Eeb. 27	E. T. Rawson, labor	1 50	Feb. 28	Dudley Bros., cutting ice	5 00
	D. W. Dudley	14 45		James Wixtead, on account	60
28	T. J. Murphy	3 00			
	F. F. Young	2 35			
	John Condon, to date	17 57		Total.....	\$734 15

March 1 Cash in hands Supt..... \$79 09

The Overseers have paid the following bills on almshouse account:

1905		
April 3	Henry F. Wheelock, salary to April 1, 1905.	\$75 00
28	Ralph Aldrich, 1 cow	35 00
May 27	Henry F. Wheelock, on account	25 00
June 15	E. T. Rawson, phosphate.....	32 30
27	Ralph Aldrich, 1 cow.....	42 00
July 3	Henry F. Wheelock, salary to July 1, 1905..	50 00
7	R. A. Robillard, meat bill	27 39
	W. E. Jones.....	25 29
29	Cash for town farm.....	10 00
Aug. 7	W. R. Wallis.....	50
Oct. 2	Henry F. Wheelock, salary to Oct. 1, 1905 .	75 00
1906		
Jan. 4	Henry F. Wheelock, salary to Jan. 1, 1906 .	\$75 00
Feb. 19	W. E. Jones.....	52 92
28	E. N. Jenckes ..	335 03
	James W. Wixtead	208 75
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		\$1069 18

The repairs at almshouse have consisted of laying floor, building chimney, pantry and bath tub to the amount of..... \$246 39

SUMMARY.

Superintendent has paid for supplies as per this report	\$ 734 15
Overseers have paid out as per report	1069 18
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	\$1803 33
Superintendent for labor, produce and board	813 24
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	\$990 09
Increase as per inventory.....	88 22
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Cost for support of poor at almshouse for this year..	\$901 87

Number of weeks board of poor, 147.

Cost per week, about \$6.13.

Inmates at almshouse, March 1, 1906 :

Ellen Leach, age 56; Joseph Jenney, age 82; Frank Chase, age 50.

OUTSIDE POOR.

Sylvia Wakefield.....	\$60 00	
Mrs. George Casey.....	51 00	
Mrs. Margaret Duprey.....	44 00	
Emma Purse.....	35 15	
Nancy Balcome.....	4 00	
John Backer.....	68 36	
Mrs. John H. Emmons.....	21 25	
Sophia Kalvinek.....	14 83	
Annie Kalvinek.....	14 00	
Dennis Murray.....	9 00	
Mrs. Sarah Paine.....	45 00	
Mrs. Joseph Rivers.....	6 75	
Mrs. Felix Pelaquin.....	3 00	
	<hr/>	\$386 34
Poor of Uxbridge, Herbert Wilcox.....		\$32 00

STATE POOR.

Andrew Depta.....	\$ 3 50	
Michael Ross.....	12 00	
Mrs. Gabriel Hanson.....	24 00	
Ida Willenies.....	13 00	
	<hr/>	\$52 50
Due from State, John Kalvinek.....	\$36 77	
“ “ John Patterson.....	5 20	
“ “ Charles Whipple.....	59 40	
	<hr/>	\$101 37
Paid on account Uxbridge for Herbert Wilcox.....		\$32 00
Due from Sutton, Mrs. Milton Humes.....		19 50
Due from Uxbridge for Herbert Wilcox.....		14 00

LOCKUP ACCOUNT.

1905		
Mar. 13	W. E. Jones.....	\$ 4 08
Sept. 6	Timothy Wixtead, care of lockup to September 1	22 50
Nov. 13	W. E. Jones.....	6 72
Dec. 26	Repairs	1 25
1906		
Jan. 20	James Wixtead, supplies.....	8 67
Feb. 5	W. E. Jones, repairs on stove	5 68
	Henry Albee, repairing lock	2 00
	William Herindeen, care of lockup to March 1.....	22 50
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Number of tramps for year, 113.		\$73 40

MISCELLANEOUS ACCOUNT.

1905		
Mar. 9	J. L. Fairbanks & Co., 2 register books	\$7 30
11	Stationery	50
14	Joseph Jobuski, to State Hospital and ambulance	6 90
22	Rubber sheet for almshouse	1 88
Apr. 13	Expense to Sutton	1 00
June 7	E. N. Jenckes, hay cutter	22 00
10	Expense to Sutton	75
21	Stamps	1 00
July 26	Expense to Boston.....	2 00
31	Expense to Uxbridge	1 50
Sep. 24	Telephone to Worcester.....	25
Oct. 31	Expense to Webster.....	1 50
Nov. 10	Expense to Whitins	1 50
1906		
Jan. 11	E. T. Rawson, expense to Boston.	2 50
31	Team.....	2 75
	James Wixtead, numbers for doors	2 17
	F. Bowen, burial.....	3 00
Feb. 14	Stamps	1 00
21	Expense to Boston.....	2 00
23	Expense to Sutton	1 50
27	Expense to Sutton	1 50
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		\$64 50

AMOUNT RECEIVED FOR SUPPORT OF POOR.

1905		
March	Cash on hand	\$ 5 46
	Received from Town Treasurer...	1950 00
	State	86 50
	Uxbridge	18 00
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		\$2059 96

RECAPITULATION.

Paid on account of poor at almshouse	\$1069 18
Outside poor	386 34
State poor	52 50
Uxbridge poor	32 00
Lockup	73 40
Miscellaneous	64 50
Due of Sutton	19 50
Due from State	101 37
Repairs on poor house	246 39
Cash on hand	14 78
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	\$2059 96

The Overseers have received for their services :

Henry D. Mowry	\$100 00
W. P. Wight
E. T. Rawson	25 00
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	\$125 00

HENRY D. MOWRY,	} Overseers
EDWIN T. RAWSON,	
W. P. WIGHT,	
	} of
	} Poor.

I have examined the accounts of the Overseers of the Poor and find them correct.

FRANK H. BIRD, *Auditor.*

Annual Report of WILLIE R. WALLIS, Agent

ON THE

Devise of Moses Wallis

TO TOWN OF DOUGLAS

FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 1, 1906.

The Agent charges himself with amounts due the Town
March 1, 1905, as follows:

Notes due the town.....	\$ 8,680 00	
Accrued interest on notes.....	863 09	
Deposited Rhode Island Hospital Trust Co. and accrued interest	14,797 80	
Cash in hands of Agent	4,229 55	
		<hr/> \$28,570 44

1905

Mar. 1	Cash in hands of Agent	\$4229 55
11	Received of Frank Duval . . .	15 00
16	" Alfred Lebeau . . .	50 00
April 14	" John Valior	18 00
15	" Mary A. Reynolds	15 00
May 15	" George Robberts.	159 85
June 6	" R. I. Hospital Trust Co.....	2000 00
7	" Margaret Stearns.	10 00
8	" Susan V. Thayer.	8 00
12	" Alvin H. Brown..	602 68
July 4	" John D. Darling..	18 00

July 14	Received of R. I. Hospital		
	Trust Co.	\$ 30 25	
Aug. 5	" Alfred Lebeau ...	10 94	
12	" Town Treasurer...	3030 00	
17	" E. M. Southwick .	30 00	
Oct. 21	" John D. Darling..	18 00	
27	" Mary A. Reynolds	6 00	
Nov. 7	" Vesta H. Balcome	7 50	
Dec. 28	" David and Amos		
	Lunn	30 00	
1906			
Jan. 20	" John D. Darling..	55 00	
24	" Joel Glover.....	12 00	
Feb. 3	" Frank Duval	40 00	
5	" Potter M. Bates..	9 00	
22	" Emma J. Brown..	9 00	
23	" Alfred Lebeau...	50 00	
	" Susan V. Thayer.	30 00	
27	" Albert Whipple ..	227 00	
	" Joseph T. Arnold.	12 00	
	" Phebe Young ...	30 00	
28	" Salina Casey	90 00	
	" Preserved Alger..	6 00	
	" C. F. Rawson....	12 00	
			<hr/> \$10,870 77

The agent has paid out as follows:

1905			
Mar. 7	Deposited R. I. H. Trust Co..	\$4229 55	
May 15	" " " ..	257 60	
	Paid discharging mortgage....	25	
	" " "	25	
June 6	" Treasurer of Douglas....	2000 00	
12	" discharging mortgage....	25	
13	Deposited R. I. H. Trust Co..	620 43	
July 14	Paid Miss A. G. Duggan.	30 25	
Aug. 12	Deposited R. I. H. Trust Co..	3040 94	
Nov. 3	Paid insurance, Gilbert Yates..	9 00	
1906			
Jan. 12	Deposited R. I. H. Trust Co..	91 50	
25	" " " ..	67 00	
Feb. 27	Paid assignment of mortgage..	25	
28	Paid barb wire & staples (Yates)	6 67	
	Deposited R. I. H. Trust Co..	333 83	
	Paid Agent, care of Devise....	75 00	
			<hr/> \$10,762 77

NOTES DUE THE TOWN MARCH 1, 1906.

Maker of Note	Paid by	Accrued Int.	Principal
Joseph T. Arnold	Arthur L. Putnam		\$200 00
Preserved Alger	Russell H. Baton		100 00
Emma J. Brown		\$ 13 13	150 00
Vesta H. Balcome	Wellington Balcome	3 64	125 00
Potter M. Bates	J. C. F. Bates	3 35	150 00
A. F. Brown		125 00	500 00
Salina Casey	Odeal Casey (Adm'r'x)	3 00	500 00
Frank Duval		36	125 00
Frank Duval		15 80	300 00
John D. Darling	Rosmond Rickard	1 76	258 05
Joel Glover	Sarah Duffo	2 93	200 00
Alfred Lebeau		5 51	100 00
David & Amos Lunn	David Lunn	10 33	500 00
Mary J. Murphy		53 02	330 00
Charles F. Rawson		9 30	200 00
Mary A. Reynolds		2 30	100 00
Mary A. Reynolds		13 83	250 00
Margaret Stearns	Frank Smith	24 50	300 00
Edward M. Southwick	William H. Evans	17 00	500 00
Susan V. Thayer		23 42	500 00
John Vallier	Agnes Gauvin	18 45	300 00
Maria C. Wood		10 75	100 00
Amos G. Yates		291 80	400 00
Phebe Young		35 67	500 00
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		\$684 85	\$6688 05

RECAPITULATION.

1905			
March 1	Cash in hands of Agent.....	\$4229 55	
	Cash received during year.....	6641 22	
		<hr/>	\$10,870 77
	Cash paid out during year.....	\$2121 92	
	Cash deposited R. I. H. Trust Co.	8640 85	
	Cash in hands of Agent.....	108 00	
		<hr/>	\$10,870 77

1906		
March 1	Notes due the town	\$6688 05
	Accrued interest	684 85
	Deposited R. I. H. Trust Co.	22,105 00
	Cash in hands of Agent	108 00
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		\$29,586 87
	Value of Devise, March 1, 1905	28,570 44
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	Net gain for the year	\$1,016 43

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIE R. WALLIS, *Agent.*

I have this day audited books and securities of the above account and found the same to be correct.

F. H. BIRD, *Auditor.*

REPORT OF
TAX COLLECTOR.
FOR 1905.

Douglas, March 1st, 1906.

The Assessors for the year 1905 committed to me the Collector's book with warrant to collect and pay over to the Treasurer of the said town of Douglas the sum of \$20,324 33

I have collected and paid over to the Treasurer the sum of \$19,904 64

Balance due March 1st	\$419 69
Interest collected to March 1st, 1906	17 23
	\$436 92

Cash on hand collected since Mar. 1, 1906	\$43 72
Abatements not turned over to Treasurer	91 62
	\$135 34

Balance to be collected	\$301 58
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By vote of the town, March 1902, the names of all delinquent taxpayers are to be printed in the town report each year, and are as follows:

Walter Anderson	\$ 2 00	Albert Putnam	\$2 00
Moses H. Balcom	27 11	Elbridge G. Paine	2 00
Harry S. Brown	2 00	George A. Palmer	1 27
George W. Blanger	2 81	Edward Felix Peloquin	2 00
John Chalberg	2 49	Thomas Pelky	2 00
Richard J. Dermody	2 00	Napoleon Rinfrette	2 00
Nelson Dupont	2 00	John Ruzbacan	2 00
John Duhamel	3 62	Phillip Rousseau	3 62
John H. Emmons	2 00	John Seral	2 00
James Gibson	2 00	Philus Seral	2 00
John P. Howard	2 40	Fred H. Thompson	7 26
Peter Jarvis, Jr.	2 81	Trefield Vallier	2 00
Almon A. Keith	2 00	Est. John R. Walling	24 62
Francis A. Keith	2 00	George Willet	2 00
Mike Kowanas	2 00	Herman Watti	2 00
Fred Liberty	2 00	Non-residents.	
William H. Lane	4 43	Mrs. Delia J. Paine	9 72
Julien Lavellette	2 81	Ellis Bailey	1 62
John Lombard	2 00	Est. Manning Arnold	32 40
Syrel Lacoës	2 00	Mrs. Etta R. Phillips	9 72
Michael J. McCormick	2 00	Sarah J. Davis	3 64
James F. Martin	2 00	Mrs. Sarah A. Sibley	8 91
Mrs. Ambrose Nowell	1 99	James McMullen	1 21
Fred C. Neff	2 00	Barr Brothers	4 86
Oscar J. Peters	2 00		

Respectfully submitted,

E. P. HEATH, *Collector.*

I have examined the accounts of the Tax Collector and find the same to be correct.

F. H. BIRD, *Auditor.*

REPORT OF

In this department the prices for labor, per hour, are: Surveyors, 20c; 2 horses on cart, 20c; 1 horse on cart, 12½c; 2 horses on scraper, 30c; laborers, men 15c, boys 12½c; man driving scraper, 17½c.

G. H. DUDLEY, District No. 1.

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U. I. PETERS, District No. 2.

U. I. Peters, 232 h	\$46 40	R. W. Peters, 35 h	\$4 37
U. I. Peters, team, 155 h	31 00	A. N. Roberts, 30 h	3 75
G. Roberts, 35 h	5 25	R. Call, 3 h	75
C. Dudley, 85 h	12 75	G. Roberts, team, 40 h	8 00
H. A. Peters, 165 h	24 75	U. I. Peters, 4 horses on	
F. Casey, 70 h	10 50	scraper, 40 h	24 00
O. Roberts, 135 h	20 25	W. E. Jones	2 10
G. Linburg, 15 h	2 25	U. I. Peters, 4 horses	3 00
A. Humes, 45 h	6 75		
F. Potter, 40 h	6 00		
			<hr/> \$211 87

PALMER CONVERSE, District No. 3.

Mitchell Foster, 10 h	\$1 50	Arthur Jones, 2 horses	
Frank Francis, 5 h	75	and man, 20 h	\$7 00
Louis Couette, 10 h	1 50	H. S. Farnum & Son, 7	
M. R. Hathway, 22 h	3 30	lbs. spikes	25
Alfred Trank, 10 h	1 50	T. Hodgkins, 4 h	60
Arthur Jones, holding		James Bush, 9 h	1 12
scraper, 10 h	2 00	W. R. Wallis, 1,025 feet	
Arthur Jones, 2 horses		plank	22 55
on scraper, 10 h	3 00	W. R. Wallis, 1 sleeper	4 00
Henry Jarvis, driving,		" 25 lbs.	
10 h	1 75	spikes	87
Henry Jarvis, 2 horses		P. Converse, 50 h	10 00
on scraper, 10 h	3 00	" horse and	
Fred Donedy, 10 h	1 50	cart	3 75
Louis Cousins, 10 h	1 00		
			<hr/> \$70 94

A. E. CHAPMAN, District No. 4.

A. E. Chapman, 90 $\frac{1}{4}$ h	\$38 05	F. Germain, 68 h	\$10 20
" 2 horses,		J. Germain, 37 $\frac{1}{2}$ h	5 62
68 h	13 60	Wm. Butterworth, driv-	
A. E. Chapman, 1 horse		ing four horses on	
on scraper, 20 h	3 00	scraper, 20 h	3 50
A. E. Chapman, 1 horse,		William Butterworth, two	
10 h	1 00	horses on scraper,	
O. F. Chase, 37 $\frac{1}{2}$ h	5 63	20 h	6 00

O. F. Chase, 2 horses, 36 h	\$7 20	Mrs. A. J. Thayer, 41 loads gravel at 5c	\$2 05
L. S. Converse, 53½ h	8 03	Mrs. L. Chase Estate, 108 loads of gravel	
E. Chase, 19½ h	2 92	at 5c	5 40
Henry Chase, 100 h	15 00	A. E. Chapman, 166 ft. railing	1 66
" 2 horses, 55 h	11 00	A. E. Chapman, 10 posts at 8c	80
Henry Chase, 1 horse on scraper, 20 h	3 00	A. E. Chapman, plank, nails and labor on	
Alphonso Chase, 130 h	19 50	two bridges	1 00
C. Chase, 5 h	75		
Myron Chase, 20 h	3 00		
A. G. Yates, 15 h	2 25		
L. Brown, 112 h	16 80		<u>\$186 96</u>

WILLIE JARVIS, District No. 5.

Willie Jarvis, 190 h	\$38 00	Henry Jarvis, 2 horses, 90 h	\$18 00
Arthur Wentworth, 110 h	16 50	Henry Jarvis, 1 team, 2½ days at \$3.50	8 75
George South, 140 h	21 00	Alfred Reynolds, 20 loads gravel at 5c	1 00
Peter Black, 50 h	7 50		
Albert Burke, 60 h	9 00		
Henry Jarvis, with team, 10 h	3 50		
Henry Jarvis, 1 horse, 50 h	5 00		<u>\$128 25</u>

S. P. RAWSON, District No. 6.

S. P. Rawson, 80 h	\$16 00	Fred Dupont, horse on scraper, 30 h	\$9 00
" " horse and cart 60 h	6 00	S. P. Rawson, horse on scraper, 40 h	12 00
David Lunn, 30 h	4 50	John Nelson, 45 h	5 75
" " horse 30 h	6 00	Mr. Fatro, 28 h	4 20
" " 35 h	6 12	F. J. King, 2 horses 9 h	3 60
" " horse 35 h	10 50	John Dolbeare, 9 h	1 35
Mr. Bosma, 65 h	9 75		
Fred Dupont, 30 h	4 50		<u>\$100 27</u>

W. E. CARPENTER, District No. 7.

W. E. Carpenter, 263½ h	\$52 70	Fred Dupont, 20 h	\$3 00
" horse & cart, 166 h	20 75	" 2 horses on scraper, 20 h	6 00

W. E. Carpenter, 137 loads of gravel	\$6 85	Fred Dupont, man, 10 h	\$1 50
W. E. Carpenter, 9 posts and stringers	92	Mr. Lovely, 10 h	1 50
Dick Georgison, 50 h	7 50	" 5 loads gravel	25
Edw. Carpenter, 60 h	9 00	F. Guertin, 87 loads of gravel	4 35
Wm. Brown, 85 h	12 75	H. N. Lougee, sharpening bars & drills	79
A. Chase, 15 h	2 25	W. E. Jones, one drill hammer	1 15
A. Chase, 2 horses and cart, 15 h	3 00	W. E. Jones, dynamite	1 20
Adam, 85 h	12 75	" fuse	37
Mike Ole, 15 h	2 25	" caps	48
Homer Mercier, 40 h	6 00	W. R. Wallis, spikes and fixing drag	30
Filif Ruessons, 35 h	5 25	W. R. Wallis, nails and scythe	90
Arthur Jones, 40 h	6 00	St. Andre, with horse and cart, 5 h	1 38
" 2 horses and cart, 40 h	8 00	Edm'd Lundberg, 53½ h	8 02
Arthur Jones, man, 20 h	3 00	R. A. Place, 2 h	30
David Lunn, driving horses on scraper, 20 h	3 50	Miscellaneous	5 81
David Lunn, 2 horses on scraper, 20 h	6 00	P. Converse	8 25
S. P. Rawson, holding scraper, 20 h	4 00		
S. P. Rawson, 2 horses on scraper, 20 h	6 00		
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			\$224 02

MARVEL SOUTHWICK, District No. 8.

M. Southwick, 137 h	\$27 40	D. Lunn, driving horses on scraper, 19 h	\$3 32
L. Taft, 25 h	3 75	F. Dupont, 19 h	2 85
" horses 25 h	5 00	F. Dupont, horses on scraper, 18 h	5 40
S. Hindon, 155 h	23 25	M. Southwick, horse on cart 58 h	7 22
J. Anderson, 42 h	6 30	" " 207 h	41 40
S. Hall, 6 loads gravel,	60	Buxton, 27 loads gravel	1 35
D. Dudley, horses 91h	18 20	Dynamite, fuse and caps	50
C. Maynard, 35 h	5 25	A. Nelson, 63 h	9 45
J. Pariseau, 5 h	75	E. Carlson, 87 h	13 05
S. P. Rawson, 10 h	1 50		
S. P. Rawson's horses on scraper, 10 h	3 00		
D. Lunn, horses on scraper, 19 h	5 70		
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			\$185 24

HENRY JARVIS, District No. 9.

Henry Jarvis, 162 h	\$32 40	Geo. Buffum, horses, 5 h	\$1 00
“ “ horses on		Richard Dermody, 50 h	7 50
scraper, 30 h	9 00	John Keeley, 25 h	3 75
Henry Jarvis, horses on		Henry Laman, 45 h	6 75
cart 127 h	25 40	John Adams, 20 h	3 00
Louis Cansino, 20 h	3 00	Mastley Gou, 15 h	2 25
Louis Cansino, Jr. 124 h	12 40	Geo. Buffum, 5 h	75
Mitchel Foster, 89 h	13 35	W. E. Carpenter, 64	
Melvin Hathaway, 144 h	21 60	loads gravel	3 20
Fred Dermody, 70 h	10 50	W. R. Wallis, plank	21 67
Albert Burke, 59 h	8 85	M. Southwick, 37 h	7 40
George Stanton, 20 h	3 00	S. Hindee, 34 h	5 10
A. F. Jones, holding		D. Dudley, horses, 25 h	5 00
scraper, 20 h	3 50	F. J. Kenyon, 35 h	7 00
A. F. Jones, horses on		“ “ 2 horses	
scraper, 20 h	6 00	on cart, 35 h	7 00
A. F. Jones, horses on		Will Kenyon, 9 h	1 35
cart, and man, 95 h	33 25	Mr. Corbin, 30 h	4 50
William Brown, 55 h	8 25	J. Howard,	95
A. F. Jones, 50 h	10 00		
“ “ horses, 50 h	10 00		
			<hr/> \$298 67

H. C. MEDCALF, District No. 10.

H. C. Medcalf, 119½ h	\$23 90	David Lunn, driver, 20 h	\$3 50
“ horse &		“ 2 horses on	
cart, 105 h	13 12	scraper, 20 h	6 00
C. Bennett, 68 h	10 20	Fred Dupont, 20 h	3 00
“ 2 horses and		“ 2 horses	
cart, 68 h	13 60	on scraper, 20 h	6 00
Peter Gardner, 88 h	13 20	W. Martin, 15 h	2 25
John Kelley, 88 h	13 20	D. A. E. Wallis, 2 horses	
F. Chappell, 103 h	15 45	on cart, 15 h	3 00
H. Howard, 78 h	11 70	Paul Mertoos, 14 h	2 20
A. Medcalf, 32 h	4 80	Alvin Brown, gravel, 53	
Putnam Rawson, hold-		loads at 5c	2 65
ing scraper, 20 h	4 00	F. J. Libbie, gravel, 27	
Putnam Rawson, two		loads at 5c	1 35
horses on scraper,			
20 h	6 00		<hr/> \$159 12

SUPPLIES.		Bought of W. E. Jones,	
Bought of W. R. Wallis,		1 shovel	\$1 00
17 ft. chestnut boards	\$ 34	1 hoe	45
1 lb. nails	04	1 lb. dynamite	50
1 doz. 4x $\frac{5}{16}$ bolts	35	6 caps	12
321 ft. chestnut plank	6 42	15 ft. fuse	23
105 ft. chestnut timber	2 10		
72 ft. " "	1 44		\$ 2 30
20 lbs. spikes	70		11 39
			159 12
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	\$11 39	Total,	\$172 81

I have examined the foregoing reports of Highway Surveyors and find them to be correct.

F. H. BIRD, *Auditor.*

BY-LAWS

OF THE

TOWN of DOUGLAS.

ARTICLE I.

TOWN MEETINGS.

SECTION 1. Every warrant for a Town Meeting shall be served by posting attested copies of the same at least ten days before the time of the meeting to be held under it in three public places, as follows: At the Post-Office at East Douglas and Douglas Centre, and one on the school house in South Douglas.

SECTION 2. In town meetings, all persons present shall, on request of the moderator, as far as practicable, be seated.

SECTION 3. No motion shall be entertained at an adjourned meeting, for the reconsideration of any vote passed at the original meeting, or at an adjournment of the same, unless notice of such motion shall have been given at such original meeting, or at an adjournment of the same; but this by-law may be suspended in any particular case by a vote of three-fourths of those present and voting.

SECTION 4. When anyone addresses the Chair, he shall rise and stand uncovered.

SECTION 5. The duties of the presiding officer not specially provided for by law, shall be determined by rules of parliamentary law contained in Cushing's "Manual," so far as they are adapted to town meetings.

ARTICLE II.

SECTION 1. The annual Town Meeting shall be held on the third Monday of March in each year.

SECTION 2. The fiscal year, so far as the accounts of the several town officers are concerned, shall close on the first day of March; and all accounts shall be made up to that time.

SECTION 3. *Selectmen.* The Selectmen shall have the general care and custody, direction and management of all the property of the town, in all matters not otherwise provided for. They shall count the cash belonging to the Town, in the Town Treasurer's possession, and examine and fully verify his bank deposit standing in the name of the Town, on the first day of March each year, and certify to the town, in their annual report, that they have done so; and if everything connected therewith is found correct, they shall declare that the amounts agree with the Treasurer's report regarding the same, or otherwise, as they shall find it.

They shall, in ample time before policies expire, see to the renewal of all fire insurance on the Town's properties, and shall keep such property properly insured.

They shall print the by-laws of the town in full in each annual report of the Town Officers.

SECTION 4. *Treasurer.* The Town Treasurer shall not use any money or funds belonging to the Town, in the payment of any of his own or any other person's private bills or obligations, nor for any other purpose, except for paying Town notes, interest on Town notes, and the State and County taxes, except on orders signed by at least a majority of the Board of Selectmen.

He shall give no Town notes, except the same are approved and countersigned by at least a majority of the Board of Selectmen.

He shall prepare and deliver to the Board of Selectmen, on or before the fifth day of March of each year, a full statement, in detail, of all receipts and payments of money by him as Town Treasurer, showing the balance of his account on the first day of March, with a statement of the property of the Town in his possession, and all notes or other obligations given by him or by his predecessors, and outstanding against the Town on the first day of March of each year, stating to whom each note is payable, when due, and the rate of interest said note or other obligation is drawing. He shall keep all Town notes that have been paid and cancelled, and all cancelled bank checks, and all orders drawn by the Selectmen, and other valuable documents or papers belonging to the Town, or relating to the affairs of the Town in his department, which shall be always subject to the inspection and examination of the Selectmen; he shall give his bond within five days after his election, to the Town Clerk for his custody and safe-keeping, which shall first be subject to the approval of the Selectmen endorsed thereon in writing.

SECTION 5. Money belonging to the town, if deposited by the Treasurer or the agent, on the devise of Moses Wallis, shall be deposited in some bank or Trust Company, allowing interest on daily balances, and the interest on said deposits credited to the town.

ARTICLE III.

CONCERNING TRUANT CHILDREN AND ABSENTEES FROM SCHOOL.

SECTION 1. It shall be the duty of the School Committee of the Town to appoint two suitable persons to be designated as "Truant Officers," who shall, under the direction of said Committee, inquire into all cases coming under this article, and shall alone be authorized, in case of violation thereof, to make complaint and carry into execution the judgment thereof.

Truant officers so appointed shall at all times be subject to removal by the School Committee, and their compensation shall be fixed by the School Committee and shall be paid from the Treasury of the Town.

SECTION 2. The Worcester County Truant School at West Boylston, Mass., is hereby assigned as the place of confinement, discipline and instruction of persons convicted under the provisions of this article.

SECTION 3. Any child between the ages of seven and fifteen years, who is an habitual truant, or is found wandering about the streets or public places of the town, having no lawful occupation or business, not attending school, or growing up in ignorance, shall, upon conviction thereof, be committed to the Worcester County Truant School at West Boylston, Mass., for such term as the Justice or Court having jurisdiction may determine.

SECTION 4. Truant officers appointed as herein provided, are authorized and empowered to take into custody any such child, and place him in the school to which he shall have been assigned by the School Committee of the town.

ARTICLE IV.

PENAL LAW.

SECTION 1. No person shall play at any game of ball or football, or throw ball, or stones, or snow-balls in the streets within the limits of the East Douglas fire district.

Nor shall any person deposit within any street or public places any ashes, cinders, fish or any waste-matter whatever, except by the consent of the Selectmen ; nor set or plant any trees within the limits of the streets or highways of said town, without the consent of the person having the care of said streets and highways.

SECTION 2. No person shall course, coast or slide upon the streets or sidewalks of the town upon any hand-sled, board, jumper, or otherwise, except at such places and under such restrictions and regulations as the Selectmen shall designate and require.

SECTION 3. No person shall wheel, drive, or draw any coach, cart, hand-barrow, sled, bicycle, or other carriage of burden or

pleasure (except children's hand-carriages, drawn by hand), or drive, or permit any horse, neat cattle, or sheep under his care to go or stand upon any sidewalk, or stand upon any street crossing, so as to obstruct public travel.

SECTION 4. No person shall behave himself in a rude and disorderly manner, or use any indecent, profane or insulting language in any street, highway, or other public place in the town, or near any dwelling-house or other building not his own, therein, or be or remain upon any sidewalk or fence contiguous to a highway or street, or upon any doorstep, portico, or other projection from any such house or other building nor in any church, meeting-house, railroad depot or platform, public hall or entrance thereto, to the annoyance or disturbance of any person; nor shall any person, at, near, or upon any such dwelling-house, building, sidewalk, doorstep, portico, fence or projection, or any such meeting-house, public hall, railroad depot or platform, or entrance thereto, commit any nuisance, or by any noise, gesture, or other means, wantonly or designedly drive or frighten any horse in any street, highway or public place in the town.

SECTION 5. *Penalties.* Any person violating any of the provisions of the preceding by-laws, shall be punished by a fine not exceeding ten dollars (\$10) for each offence, to be forfeited and paid to the Town, unless when different provision is made by the laws of the Commonwealth.

SECTION 6. These By-Laws may be altered, amended or annulled at any meeting called for the purpose, by a vote of two-thirds of those present and voting thereon.

SECTION 7. If these by-laws be adopted by the town and approved by the Court, all by-laws heretofore adopted by the town and now in force, inconsistent with these by-laws, shall become null and void.

These by-laws shall be in force when approved by the Court.

A. F. BROWN,
WILLIAM ABBOTT, } *Committee*
JOHN M. RAWSON, }

Douglas, Mass.

Adopted April 26, 1897.

C. H. BACHELER, *Town Clerk of Douglas.*

By a vote at the same time and place Mr. William Abbott was authorized to present these by-laws to the Court for approval.

C. H. BACHELER, *Town Clerk.*

ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
SCHOOL COMMITTEE
OF THE
TOWN OF DOUGLAS
FOR THE
Year Ending March 1, 1906.



WHITINSVILLE, MASS.:
PRESS OF EAGLE PRINTING CO.
1906.

SUPERINTENDING COMMITTEE

E. T. RAWSON

PURCHASING AGENT

F. S. BRICK

TRUANT OFFICERS

Wm. MANAHAN

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

FRANCIS S. BRICK

SCHOOL CALENDAR

1905-06

FALL TERM

All schools opened September 11, 1905. Elementary schools closed December 15. High school December 22.

WINTER TERM

All schools opened January 2, 1906. Elementary schools close March 16, 1906. Length of term, eleven weeks. High school closes March 23, 1906.

SPRING TERM

All schools open April 2. Elementary schools close June 15. High school June 29. Length of year, Elementary schools 36 weeks; High school 40 weeks.

APPROPRIATIONS AND RECEIPTS

Appropriations for public schools and for transportation of pupils	\$5000 00	
State School Fund	681 74	
State, for Superintendent	500 00	
Books and Supplies	400 00	
Town School Fund	56 48	
Balance unexpended ..	958 02	
For Superintendent ...	300 00	
For Repairs	100 00	
	<hr/>	\$7,996 24

EXPENDITURES

Teachers	\$4580 00	
Janitors	560 89	
Superintendent	660 00	
Transportation	541 45	
Fuel	349 68	
Books and Supplies	526 37	
Repairs and General Expenses	710 29	
	<hr/>	\$7,928 68
Balance unexpended,		67 56
		<hr/>
		\$7,996 24

Superintendent's Report.

To the School Committee, Douglas, Mass.:

GENTLEMEN:—I herewith submit my fifth annual report of the schools of the town of Douglas.

More than four years have elapsed since I assumed the duties of the office of Superintendent of Schools of Douglas and during that time I have striven for certain ideals and ends. Most of these have been realized. Those that have not been realized I shall still continue to advocate and strive for so long as I believe in them.

The educational atmosphere has cleared wonderfully in the last ten years: subjects which used to be considered non-essential have become essential: fads have become full-grown realities, principles underlying each phase of the work are becoming defined, and the manners and methods of doing things in the educational field have become subordinate to the general laws and principles that govern them. Hence it is that the old idea that anyone can teach school has passed away. It ought to take as much general education and specific training to fit one for the scheme of teaching as for any other of the great elements of education, medicine, theology, law, etc., since the principles are as great and have become so well defined.

CHANGES.

CHANGES IN GRADES.

At the beginning of the fall term several changes in the grades occurred: First, owing to the large number of pupils in the grammar school it was deemed advisable to place Grade VII under a

separate teacher. Second, owing to the lack of room, grades I and II were put in one place under Miss Johnson, the first grade coming from nine o'clock to twelve and the second from one to four. This arrangement, while it seemed to be the only feasible one at the time has not proved a success from an educational standpoint. Third, as suggested in my last report the ninth grade was removed from the high school and combined with the eighth grade forming a separate school.

CHANGES IN THE TEACHING FORCE.

The changes in the teaching force since my last report are as follows:

Resignations.—Mr. Geo. Stoddard, High school; Miss Mary Harbort, Grade IV; Miss Maud Barry, South Douglas.

Elections.—Mr. John Brackett, High school; Miss Ethel M. Cleale, South Douglas; Miss Edith Fogg, Old Douglas; Miss Mary Pennell, West Douglas.

Transfers.—Miss Mathilde Burghardt from Old Douglas to Grade VII; Miss K. Helena Wixtead from Grade I to Grade IV.

Monthly grade and general meetings are held as usual.

TRAINED TEACHERS.

During the past four years I have continually plead for trained teachers. I have put forth every argument I knew to sustain the idea. I congratulate you upon this phase of the work and earnestly hope that skilled service in our public schools may become a fixed and unswerving policy. As a final word, if such a word is needed, I quote from the Moseley Commission of England who visited this country five years ago to study educational problems.

"The efficiency of American schools is due primarily to the professional skill of the teachers. Programs of study, no matter how well drawn, will never raise education to a high standard unless the teacher is trained for his duties. Even an indifferent program will become effective in the hands of a teacher who is an expert in the arts of his profession."

HIGH SCHOOL.

I desire to call your attention to the present condition and future possibilities of our high school. Since September we have had an average attendance of 19. A comparison with the high school last year, average attendance, 11, will indicate quite a growth.

If this growth proves a healthy one, provision ought to be made to produce a high school worthy of the town of Douglas. The State provides for a contribution of \$300 for an assistant for all approved schools. My first suggestion therefore, is the approval of our school. We need a physical and chemical laboratory. There is ample room for both in the unfinished part of the building up stairs.

The towns of Mendon and Bolton each have an enrolment of twenty-four, three more pupils than Douglas, and each town draws \$300 from the State for an assistant teacher; as a result the course of study is more elaborate and effective. I am informed that pupils are fitted for college very easily in these schools.

THE GOSPEL OF WORK.

As a part of this report I am submitting to you an extract of an address delivered recently by Supt. J. M. Greenwood of Kansas City, Mo. This doctrine has been preached before in past reports but never so pithily as the following.

"Many grown people as well as children do not like to work. It is much easier to drift into habits of laziness, to take things easy, to expect big returns on no investments, than to get down to hard work and through it achieve success. Great plans usually come to naught because of personal laziness. Most people believe in this doctrine for their children, and endeavor to practice it,—to have them do as little work as possible. They want them to be free from drudgery. This seems to be natural to many a parent; but it makes the child flabby, helpless, and a parasite in the community. Success in life depends more on the ability to do honest work, whether in the school, at home, or in the busy industries of the world, than all other characteristics combined. Children need to have their courage developed and trained, so that when-

ever they go at whatever is set them to do, they will stick to it till it is finished. Quickness of mind and vigor and strength are all required. Courage to do is of a high moral quality when it is directed to worthy objects.

To have confidence in one's self, to be cheerful in doing, to have a definite purpose and to keep moving forward toward the accomplishment, will bring victory in the end. The best gospel is work, work physical, work mental, and work moral. Work is the very condition of the enjoyment of life. Every good thing in this world is the product of work. Every parent who brings up his child to eschew work, to be indulged in idleness, to fritter away his time and life in mere frivolities, hates his child and is preparing him for an idler, or a tramp,—a fungus growth for the state to take care of. Coddling children in school leads them to the same dire consequences—later in life. All sensible persons feel a contempt for the idlers, the useless, and the counterfeits of society.

Since the school is one of the greatest forces in the manufacture of the human character, as teachers, we must see to it that we are not blameworthy. A teacher who is always grumbling about the weather, the schoolroom, the drudgery of his work, and a thousand other things is preparing his pupils for idleness, dissatisfaction, and to become a sort of human shadow walking aimlessly about. A good teacher will cultivate in his pupils the power of sticking to a thing until the end is reached. Steady industry and diligence will bring rich results to one of ordinary gifts. Self-independence, to be quiet and steady, to be cheerful, not to be hysterical, not to have others continually bracing one up, are some of the qualities that are admired by right thinking people. A strong, self-reliant spirit is always an inspiration to others."

MUSIC AND DRAWING.

I believe the time has come when some arrangement should be made for special instruction in music and drawing.

Drawing:—We have had no special instruction in drawing since Miss Hayward acted in that capacity five or six years ago. Her

work at that time was so well done that its influence has lasted up to the present time. I believe however, that the time has arrived when the most important subjects should receive special attention. Our children are artists as a class and appreciate keenly any work done for them in this direction. A teacher could be secured to come once in two or three weeks for about \$100.

Music:—Our music for the past five years has been under the instruction of the grammar teacher, the cost amounting to one dollar per week. While the work done is good, the instruction has not been as good as that which a special teacher would give. The increase of pupils in the Grammar department make the present arrangement inexpedient after this year, and some arrangement should be made to meet the present demand for better instruction in music. The children of Douglas are musical and I believe parents would appreciate any effort to increase the efficiency in this branch.

DISCIPLINE.

This report would not be complete without some word of commendation to the children for their excellent attitude in school and out and some word of appreciation to the parents for their coöperation in bringing about the present excellent attitude of the children. The children of Douglas are exceptionally well behaved and obedient. During my four and a half years of work with them it has been a growing attitude on their part of obedience and courtesy, and general good breeding. I can not recall a single act of disrespect to me in my work among them. This condition is due, largely, to the attitude of the parents in upholding the teachers in the work with the children.

SPECIAL NEEDS.

1. Nearly all the chairs in the building at East Douglas are in poor condition and need replacing.
2. A cutter for cutting paper and other material is much needed. A good cutter large enough to be of service will cost five dollars.
3. Laboratory supplies for experimental work in the High school, both physical

and chemical are needed. 4. A small laboratory might be built either in the basement or in the large area in the upper part of the building. Such a room would enhance the value of the work in the High school. 5. Some arrangements for lighting the building ought to be made.

ROLL OF HONOR.

In place of the old plan of publishing the roll of honor in the report the following is submitted:

As soon as possible after the school year three lists of pupils shall be prepared, compiled from the registers. First, those who have attended the entire year without a tardy, absent or dismissal mark. Second, those who have attended two terms, and third, those who have attended one term. These shall be printed on a certificate large enough for framing, the first group in large type, the second in type less prominent and the third in small type, the whole surmounted by a scroll and properly inscribed. Each pupil whose name is inscribed shall be presented with a school certificate at the opening of the fall term.

I am positive that such a plan would enhance the value of a roll of honor and have a very material effect on the attendance of the pupil. This plan might be further extended by exchanging these yearly certificates for one of three, four or five years consecutive attendance and one for the full four years in the High school.

CONCLUSION.

In closing this report I desire to express my appreciation of the work of the teachers, their faithfulness to the work, their devotion to the children and their loyalty to the committee, the superintendent and their fellow workers.

The same earnest appreciation is expressed to you for the manner in which you have sustained me in my work.

Respectfully submitted,

FRANCIS S. BRICK,

Superintendent of Schools.

STATISTICAL REPORT FOR YEAR 1904-1905.

SCHOOL	GRADE	TEACHER	WHERE EDUCATED	Salary per week	No. weeks in year	Total enrollment	Total membership	Average membership for year	Average attendance for year	Per cent. of attendance for year	Total tardiness	Total dismissals	Number not absent for year	Number not tardy for year	Number not absent or tardy for year	Total number of visitors
High	IX	G. H. Stoddard. {	Bowdoin College...	*\$300.	40	17	17	12.5	11	80	17	106	0	1	0	50
Grammar	VIII-VII	G. H. Stoddard. }	Bates College	\$13.00	36	10	10	7.5	6.5	86	67	31	0	4	0	50
"	VI	Susan B. Merrill ..	Bridgewater Normal	10 00	36	42	42	32.9	30.5	92.6	110	81	1	6	1	50
Intermediate	V	Grace E. Damon..	Douglas High	10 00	36	38	41	33.4	32.6	92.5	104	141	0	14	0	41
"	IV	Euna L. Buffington	Worcester Normal.	10 00	36	45	49	38	30.7	91	72	8	1	9	1	36
"	III	Mary W. Harbort.	Douglas High	10 00	36	42	42	34.8	35	91	122	38	1	10	1	39
Primary.....	II	Edith M. Abbott..	Douglas High	10 00	36	29	33	24.5	23	88.4	110	41	12	1	0	48
"	I	Etta Johnson	Douglas High	10 00	36	31	55	34.6	31.3	90	87	28	0	15	0	44
"		K. Helena Wixtead	Douglas High	10 00	36	28	30	26.8	21.6	81.2	89	67	0	9	0	32
Douglas Cen.	Mixed	{ Elizabeth Turner.	New Britain Nor'l }	10 00												
"		{ M. C. Burghardt.	Westfield Normal }	10 00												
"		{ Eliza P. Low	Salem Normal	10 00												
S. Douglas.	Mixed	{ L. H. Caldwell...	Brookton High ..	10 00	36	30	30	26.4	22.2	87	152	42	0	2	0	48
"		{ Ethel Hodge	Bridgewater High }	10 00												
"		{ Maud H. Barry...	Douglas High	10 00												
W. Douglas.	Mixed	{ Mary S. Pennell...	Douglas High	7 50	12	8	13	12.9	12.5	98	14	4	0	0	0	36
					412	382	406	319.3	287.5	89.3	983	602	33	71	4	424

* Yearly salary.

REPORT OF HIGH SCHOOL PRINCIPAL

Mr. F. S. Brick, Supt. of Schools:

DEAR SIR:—I respectfully submit my report as principal of the High school from September, 1905.

I find the school enthusiastic and capable of much and hard work; any and all tasks that I have imposed upon them they have taken up with a will.

There is a much felt need of a Physical and Chemical Laboratory which could be cheaply and easily put into the basement or attic. It is impossible to do satisfactory chemical experiments without a sink and hoods to properly carry off the liquid and gaseous residue.

The Women's Relief Corps in the early fall term presented the school with two beautiful silk flags and I herewith wish to express our sincere thanks.

The School Committee has just put in a new piano which is duly appreciated by all the rooms in the building.

We have had many visitors Friday afternoons, but few at our regular week day recitations who are needed to encourage both pupils and teacher.

We wish to express our thanks to you for the many kindnesses and courtesies shown us, also to the Committee for their help and encouragement.

Yours very truly,

JOHN F. BRACKETT, *Prin.*

Report of School Committee

The committee submit the following report for the year ending March 1st, 1906.

During the year the committee and superintendent have held meetings the last Thursday of each month.

The school in the West District was opened in April after carefully considering the following reasons: the number of pupils 16; the distance to be carried together with the distance each child was compelled to walk to and from the team; and the exposure and suffering to the smaller children.

As will be noticed by the schedule of terms at the beginning of the School Report, the long vacation in March was shortened two weeks, that the children might be out in the warmer weather one week more in June and September.

During the year the school house in the West District was shingled, painted, inside walls renewed, and equipped with new windows.

The outside wood work of the new building in the East Village was painted, also the wood room and the inside of the school room in the South District were repaired.

In some parts of the work there has been a paring down of expense and the committee decided to use a part of this saving towards the purchase of a new piano for the High School.

One of the difficult problems to solve has been that of the Grammar school. At the opening of the fall term it was found to be impossible for one teacher to teach the 53 pupils in that room and also music for the building. The Grammar school consisted of grades VII, VIII and IX. It became evident that one grade

must be removed. Every room in the building was occupied, therefore, there must be a doubling of some of the rooms or a separate place outside the building prepared and equipped for some one of the grades at a probable cost of \$500.00. After long consideration it was decided to double the I and II grades for one teacher as explained in the Superintendent's report.

In the future some definite step must be taken to solve this problem. From present indications the Grammar school will be still larger next fall. There is a growing tendency to increase the upper grades, which speaks well for our schools.

In 1902 the Grammar school enrolled 38; in 1903, 40; in 1904, 52; in 1905, 53. In 1904 the IX grade of 10 was placed in the High school room, which was not a success. From the school census we also notice that the number of children in town between the ages of 5 and 15 in 1903 was 307, in 1904, 328, while in 1905, 388.

As in former years the supervision of the teachers and methods of teaching have been under the control of the Superintendent.

The Committee are glad to express their hearty approval of the principles for which the Superintendent stands in the development and progress of our schools; those principles of education which call for the highest standard of morality in character, and which pursue a wise plan of vigorous action.

EDWARD B. BLANCHARD	}	<i>Superintending Committee</i>
EDWARD N. JENCKES		
EDWIN T. RAWSON		

